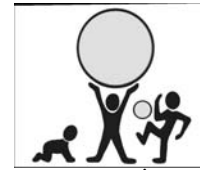


MINOR Matters

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Welcome

We welcome many more new patients to our MINOR Improvements PT community this month. A warm welcome to David, Mischa, Samuel, Jill, Anisha, Brigid, Cameron, Sara, and Emilee.



A smile from Kyle



Brigid is introduced to the pool

Happy Birthday!!!



Happy October birthdays to:

Carla, Kyle, Greg, Larissa,
Ashley, Samuel, and
Cameron M.

Karen is NDT Certified

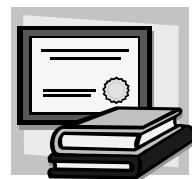
She made it! Seven weeks of classes, treatment sessions, labs, tests, and being away from home has paid off. Karen obtained her NDT certification on October 24, 2003 in Philadelphia, PA. Her final two week stint in Philadelphia focused on casting, splinting, BOTOX, anti-spasticity drugs, school programming, community participation and home exercise programs. She will continue to put all the knowledge and weeks of learning the ins and outs of Neuro Developmental Treatment to use. The weeks were long with Karen out of town, but it will be well worth it for all of the kids at MINOR Improvements PT.

Shaun's Marathon Madness



Shaun finished his 5th marathon on October 19th. The marathon ran from Schenectady to Albany along the Mohawk River. The weather was cold and rainy but Shaun managed a respectable time of 3:06 and finished in 37th place out of about 500 runners. He was also 3rd among all USA Track and Field runners. He will run again in Philadelphia on November 23rd. (What is he thinking???)

Karen begins pursuit of Pediatric Specialist Certification



As if NDT certification weren't enough of a challenge for Karen this year. She is

now undertaking the task of obtaining a Pediatric Specialist Certification. The American Physical Therapy Association holds specialists in their fields in the highest regard. Therefore, the standards of achieving such an honor are high. Karen has been accepted as a candidate for the certification. The final step is a board exam. From now until then she will be diligently studying. She will also participate in a course on Friday October 31, Saturday November 1, and Sunday November 2 in preparation for the months of studying ahead. You KNOW she has to be committed if she's willing to give up her favorite holiday - Halloween! Wish her luck as she pursues this mark of distinction in the field of physical therapy.

Phil Unveiled



Phil stands tall at MINOR Improvements in Greenfield

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Many of you have asked how many adult patients we have as the white-haired Phil has passed by you in his wheel chair. The answer is simple...just one. Phil is and will always be our only patient above the age of 21. He joined the MINOR Improvements family in January. Phil sustained a spinal cord injury 4 years ago and was in search of a body weight support system. Then he came upon us and our Lite Gait ®. Since January he has worked with us 2-3 days per week. Now that we are in our new facility he also receives therapy in our pool. He gives us great insight to treating children with similar diagnoses, and has made MAJOR progress since starting therapy at MINOR Improvements. Phil even helped us with the best placement of our grab bars in the pool room. So if you see Phil in the gym, pool or hallway, now you know that he is our one and only "fifty something" year old kid, and resident "grandpa".

New Stairs

One thing that has been missing at MINOR Improvements PT was a set of stairs for kids to practice on.

On Tuesday, October 21, our new stairs were delivered with two different heights, 4" for the little ones and 8" for the big kids. The railing is even MINOR Improvements purple! Thanks to our friend Mike Willwerth who knows it's the little things that make it special!



Caitlin tests out the new stairs

Happy Halloween



We wish you all a happy, safe and fun filled Halloween!



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